

APPROVED (4/25/06)

Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee

Meeting Minutes

M. T. Sorrell

January 10, 2006

5:30 PM

Members in attendance: Mary Lou Dunn, Jeanne White, Kelly Matthews, Janice Bailey, Mamie Wyatt, and Jennifer Taylor

Members Absent: Greg Greene

Affiliated Programs in attendance: Annie Dickerson and Alger Robbins-Johnny's Heroes, Gerald and Darlene Doss-Doss Estates, Betty Wilson-R. C. Right Home, Chris Wright-Director Executive Director, DARC, Clarence Moore-MT Sorrell

Others in attendance: Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate-Region VI and Stanley Cousins, Human Rights Advocate Senior-SVMHI

Jennifer Taylor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Executive Session

Executive session could not be held as the individual scheduled for interview could not attend the meeting.

Welcome New Member

The Committee welcomed Mamie Wyatt to the LHRC.

Approval of Minutes

Mamie Wyatt made a motion to accept the November 8, 2005 minutes as written with second by Jeanne White. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as written.

Recruitment Needs

Janice Bailey will not seek re-appointment when her first term ends on June 30, 2006. Therefore, the Committee will have three vacancies: one consumer and two professionals. Mary Lou Dunn will make an inquiry of an employee of DRMC and Jeanne White also has a prospective person who may be interested. They will inform Sherry Miles and she will mail them an application.

Training on FOIA

Ms. Miles presented information on FOIA and how it will effect the way all LHRCs can conduct business starting immediately.

Regional Report

Ms. Miles reported on the status of the Human Rights Regulations. She reported that the regulations are close to being ready for public comment and ensured that members

would be contacted to give them the opportunity to comment, if desired. The SHRC/LHRC seminar is being held this year, however, the exact date is unknown. It is hoped to coordinate the seminar with implementation of the revised regulations. There is discussion of having a separate seminar for just the LHRC members and the providers. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting on this subject. Ms. Miles advised the Committee that a secretary to record minutes of the meeting is needed. Stanley Cousins and Ms. Miles have done this for several years but that duty is the responsibility of the affiliated programs. The providers present decided to meet separately to decide who will fulfill the secretarial role. This should be in place by the next meeting.

Organizational Report

R. C. Right

Betty Wilson reported that the program has six consumers. One consumer had a situation with a staff member, but the issues have now been resolved and the individual is back in the home and on their medications as prescribed. No other problems reported.

Doss Estates

Darlene Doss reported that her program has five openings and are looking for new residents.

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Chris Wright, introduced the new Resident Manager, Mr. Clarence Moore. Mr. Wright reported that two residents have left since the last meeting and these clients are in the care of their families. Mr. Wright announced that various community organizations gave residents many Christmas gifts and visited during the holiday season. A new client is expected soon and no other problems were reported.

Johnny 's Heroes

Alger Robbins reported the program currently has 4 consumers and overall everything is going well. The program provided Christmas dinner and gifts for the clients that were unable to go home for the holidays. No other problems were reported.

Other Business

Affiliated program discussed collaborative efforts to have consumers from each program participate in various activities together. The hope is to give consumer more community activities that would be beneficial to their continued need for positive community experiences.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 25, 2005 at 5:30 pm at M. T. Sorrell Home.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.